

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Whatever happened to the requirement for equal time for alternate views? Did that quietly disappear on your watch or was that already gone before you took office?

It is my understanding that the public airwaves belong to the public. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. The public interest is not served by propaganda presented as news. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy, or what's left of it.

I am disappointed in the agency's ruling in the Sinclair case, and request that Sinclair be required to give equal time to opponents of the Sinclair documentary by showing a pro-Kerry documentary called "UPRIVER".

We need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. The license renewal process should involve a showing that the owner has complied with the public interest requirements. Thank you.